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GHOST,

Englands Forewarner.

Discovering a secret Consultation newly holden in the Court of Spaine.

Together, with his tormenting of Count de Gondomar, and his strange afflictment, Confession and publique recantation: laying open many treacheries intended for the subversion of England.

*Cresce, Cruor Sanguis satietur sanguine cresce,
Quod speras furio, Vah furia, furia*

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Destruction and unhopinesse is in their eyes: and the way of peace have they not knowne, there is no feare of God before their eyes.

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Lthoug the liberty of these times (wherein your *Currants*, *Gazettes*, *Pasquils*, and the like, swarme too too abundantly) hath made all Newes (how serious or substantiall soever) lyable to the iealous imputation of falshood, yet this relation I assure you (although in some circumstances it may lean too neare the florish of inuention, yet for the pith or marrowe thereof, it is as iustly allyed and knit to truth, as the light is to the day, or night to darkenesse.

To hold thee then (Gentle Reader) in no further suspence, be pleased to vnderstand, that some fewe dayes after the solemnitie of the *Purification* of the blessed Virgin (according to the Roman and Spanish computation) It pleased the Maie-
stie of *Spaine*, *Philip* the fourth, to retire himselfe to his delicate house of pleasure, called *Casa del Campo*, situated neare vnto the towne of *Madrid* or *Madryll*, where his standing Court for the most part continually remaineth: And the nearest in attendance vnto him (next to the *Conde de Oliuares*.) was the *Conde de Gondomar*, the Archenemie to the flourishing Estate of our *England*, and the Foxe whose stench hath not cured the *Palsie*, but rather

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ther impoisoned & brought into an *Apoplexie* ma-
ny Noble and some times well deseruing English
hearts. Neither was the King for his pleasure rety-
red to this house of *Pleasure*, but rather through the
necessity of some special affaires, the greatest wher-
of seemed to be gathered from the last attempt of
the English vpon the Fort & Castle of *Punetall* &
the town of *Cadiz* or *Cales*, wherein though the losse
was not so great or materiall as might either make
the Assailant or Assailed offer *Roses*, or *Nettles*
vpon the Altar of Fortune; yet the affront seemed
to strike a more deepe impression in the hearts of
the Spaniards, then could be well taken away
with scorne (which is the ensigne of their pride)
or with the hope of future aduantage (which only
giues life vnto their *Enuie* and *Malice*.

And therefore now at this time & in this place, af-
ter many consultations held with the Earle of *Gon-
domar*, whom the whole world Baptized the *Butte-
flame* or *Incendiarie* of Christendome, the Intelligen-
cer, *Ambassador* & *Iesuiticall Archbishop Leader* (as
his practises in our Nation hath well witnessed)
touching some notable reuenge to be had against
the State of Great *Britaine*, being the onely Iewell
on which *Spaine* had long since fixed her heart, to
make her vniuersall Monarchie euery way full and
perfect, he is by command from the King (in the
person of the *Cound Oliuarez*) to make his appearāce
before the Popes *Nuntio*, the Duke of *Lerma*, the
Duke of *Cea*, the Duke of *Infantazgo* & the Constable
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for that purpose, & to deliuer vnto them all those
secret aduantages, which he had either by the expe-
rience of time, the cōtinuall labor of his braine, the
corruptiō of his bribes, the threatnings & infina-
tiōs of his Popish Priests, the petulent flatteries of
his Papisticall English Mistresses dyuing into their
hūsbaḁs Counsels, or by any other direct or indi-
rect meanes, wonne vnto him selfe a knowledge of
instruction for the alteration or subuersiō of that
braue & flourishing *British* Monarchie. And in this
charge the *C. de Oliuarez* according to the state and
magnificence of the Spanish reseruatiōs, began to
make a great flourish of many demure & austere cir-
cumstances vnto the *E. of Gondomar*, concerning
the greatnes of his ingagemēt, the high Trust repo-
sed in his singular knowledge, & the infinit expe-
ctations the King and the whole State had fixed
vpon the wisdom of his proceeding; adding ther-
vnto sundrie admonishments or Caueats to call
into his remembrance, touching many alterations
in the State of *Great Britaine*, some defencieue,
some offenceue since his last abroad or comerce-
ment in the same; And amongst the rest as a
thing of most especiall note, the *Cound* began to
repeate many relations which *Gondomar* himselfe
had deliuered vnto him touching the generall war-
likenesse of the *British* Nation, affirming that he
had heard him say, that he had seene the very chil-
dren and boys in the streete, make their sport and
play a schoole of warre, and by imitation from el-
der knowledges to expresse in childe play, the

very excellencie and perfection of Marriall discipline, which had summoned in him both matter of passion & admiration, that he had often cryed out, *what will the English doe, every childe will be an Hercules and kill a Serpent in his cradle*: This, *Olivares* told him was but a small shadow or little picke to expresse a much greater substance now in vse: for since the death of King *James*, of ever-living and famous memorie, the Englishmen, who for the space of twenty two yeares before, had but as it were dallied and plaid with Armes, rather seeking to affect it for nouelty then necessity; were now in one yeares deliberate and materiall exercise, become so singular and exquisite, that the Netherlands blusht to see themselues ouergone in a moment, & that to be made familiar in an instat which they had laboured to obtaine to in diuers ages.

Besides *Olivares* assured him that he had received infallible intelligēce out of the Archduches Counties, that a hundred & odde of the best experienced souldiers or firemen (being all *English*) were sent fro the States of the Vnited prouinces, into *Great Britaine*, to educate and instruct in Marriall discipline euery seuerall Country and Prouince, in so much that the whole Island was nothing now but a Nursery of excellent and exquisite Souldiers.

To this *Gondamar* replied that he had from certaine Iesuites in *England*, received the like intelligence, and with this addition, that those excellent elected men in the Low-countries found their equall Schoole-fellowes, nay many Tutors and

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experienced Masters when they came into *England*,
so that indeed their necessitie did but conuerter to
superfluitie and a little losse, to some that were of
much better deseruing.

Yet said *Gondomar* further, for mine owne part
though this make much for our terror & amaze-
ment; and that we must with *Curtius* leape wilful-
ly into a Gulphe of certaine ruine ere we can hope
of reuenge or triumph, yet doth this new Milita-
rie course little moue my blood; for though I must
confesse the *Nether-lands* to be the onely vnpara-
leld Schoole of warre in the whole world, yet the
only thing it teacheth is *Forme and Fire, Intrench-
ment and Besiegement*; but for the use of the *Sword*,
*push of the Pike, bringing of Grosses bodie to bodie and
hand to hand, the exercise of euery private strength, and
the fortune of Battles*; Things which the *English* must
of necessitie be exposed vnto, *Hoc raro aut nunquam*;
And therefore (my Lord) I tell you, I more quake
when I see an old Irish Commander drilling an
English Company, who neuer beheld an enemy
but he felt his Sword and knew his Target, then
when I see infinites of golden fellows, teaching
men onely dance to the tune of *Posture*, or framing
Chimeras in their braines, whether the Pike and the
Bowe, or the Pike and Dragoone, or Pike and
long Pistoll be of greater importance: But of
these things wee shall haue a larger time to dis-
course & thinke vpon, it sufficeth me that I knowe
my Royall Masters pleasure & your honorable in-
structions; all which I will studie to satisfie onely
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diuers things are (through other imployments,
laid as it were aside from my memory, nor vtterly
forgotten, therefore I beseech I may haue the re-
pite of some fewe houres to reckon with my for-
mer knowledge, and so yeeld vp the whole summe
of my duty and seruice.

To this *Olinares* seemed exceeding willing, & so
the Earle to make choise of his best time, they de-
parted one from the other, *Olinares* returning to
satisfie the King, & *Gondomar* taking his Litter, went
backe to *Madriill*, where what contention grew be-
twixt him & his old acquainted mischieues, how
euery minute hee produced, new and vnnaturall
Cocks-egges, brooded them from the heat of his
malice, hatcht them with the deuilishnes of his *Pe-
licle*, and brought forth Serpents able to poyson
all *Europe*, is a Discourse monstrous and almost
inexpressable; I will therefore omit this mutinie
of his troubled thoughts and onely pitch vpon this
one accident, no lesse strange then memorable;
wherein as in a Mirror euery eye may behold the
weaknesse of a guilty thought, and how easily
frailty is surpris'd and ouercome, when it encoun-
ters with these two maine enemies of our blood,
Fear and *Amazement*.

It so fell out, that the Morning before the
Noone on which *Gondomar* was to appeare before
the designed Commissioners, partly to refresh
his perturbed spirits with the pure Ayre, and
to recollect vnto himselfe all those thoughts
and circumstances which might make a glorious
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passage for the huge and monstrous bodie of mischief where withall he was that day in labour; he caused his attendants to bring him in his Litter to the *Prada*, neare vnto the Cittie of *Madrid*, being a place of recreation and pleasure for the Nobilitie and Gallantrie of Spaine, not much vnlike to our new *Moor* field walkes, neare to the Cittie of *London*, onely that this is more priuate and reserued; for as ours is common to all men of all sorts, so is this *Prada* onely but for the King, the *Grandies* of Spaine, the Nobilitie and some Gentlemen of the vppermost or best qualitie.

After *Gindomar* had in this place of recreation taken a turne or two in his Litter, whether hee found his ruminations disturbed with the vneasie pace of his Mules, or that he had not elbow roome enough in his Litter, to giue action and grace to many of those damnable thoughts which in that houre gaue him singular contentment, for the Spaniard is not of our dull English qualitie, to let his words passe from him as neglected strangers or thoughts out of the compasse of his dearest familiaritie, but rather as deare children or choicest friends, to lend them admiration with his eyes and hands, to adorne them with expectation in the shrugge of his shoulders, and with a thousand other minicke gestures, to make a speech that is as triuiall and vnseasoned as folly is selfe, to appeare as serious as if it were a *Delphan* Oracle: vpon some one or other of these Spanish disgusts, this Fox (our Earle) vnkennels himselfe and makes his

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seruants take him from his Litter, then placing his chaire (the true sworne brother, or at least the nearest kinsman that might be to a crosse-stoole) vnder the shadowe of certaine trees, in a walke more reserued then the rest, he commanded his attendants to withdraw themselues; and he had reason so to doe for two principall respects: the first, least his anticke postures, mumps, moes and Munkey-like wrye faces might drawe laughter or scorne from his vassals, or lastly least the violence of his studie and meditations might make some words fall from him, which he thought too precious for another mans bosome.

Being obeyed in all his commandements, and seated thus alone by himselfe, onely guarded by his two choise friends *Malice* and *Mischiefe*, he had not cald vp many euill thoughts to appeare before him, when on a sodaine (according to the weaknesse of his apprehension) there shined round about him a most glorious and extraordinary light; which might be taken rather for fire or flaming, then shine or glittering: and this appeared so sodainely, spred it selfe so largely and increased so violently, that terror, feare and amazement at one instant raisd vpon the heart of the Earle, and with their colde qualities did so stupifie, -dull and contracte all his spirits, that as if he had seene *Medusas* head, the poore *Don* was become altogether a peece of yee or marble; he had no spirit to remember there were spirits, his crossings and blessings, his holy water and his *Agnus Dei*, his Monks charmes,

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 perplexed astonishment? his night-cap throwes
 his hat in the dust, and his haire makes his cap fly
 into the aire like a feather; he doth reuerence but
 sees no Saint, would faine vtter either salutatiōs or
 curses, but knows not by what name to call his con-
 troller: In the end starting and standing vpright,
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 with the best care of his spirits; stradling like a Co-
 losses, as if he neither respected present perils, nor
 feared those which were further off, he lookt as if
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 plexion; yet all was but his new feare, which nei-
 ther the manner of his life (which had euer beene
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 tred with any *Goliaths* amazement, was able now to
 keepe constant any one ioynt about him: I haue
 read that the Duke of *Burgundie* had like to haue
 dyed at the sight of the nine Worthies, which a
 Magician had discovered but: our *Don Gondomar*

is like now to dye at the sight of nothing but aire and his owne imagination; for he had euery symptome of death about him, as a body trembling, a stomach swelling, fore-head turnd yellow, eyes dead or sinking, a mouth gaping, & what not that could say our *Don* is now vpon the pitch of departing. They say that great Princes should neuer see the portraiture of feare but vpon their enemies backs; sure I am *Gondomar* now sawe both feare and cowardise vpon his owne heart. But why should I driue you off with more circumstance? the nakednes of the truth is, that as he gazed thus fearefully about, there appeared or seemed to appeare before him the Ghost of Sir *Walter Raleigh* Knight, a Noble famous English-man and a renowned Souldier: at this apparition the Earle fell downe flat to the earth vpon his face (for backward he durst not, least he might giue an offence to his Surgion) and yet the posture in which this Noble Gentleman appeared, how euer fearefull to the guilte of *Gondomars* conscience, yet it was amiable and loucly to any pure and honest composition, for he was armed at all peeces, and those peeces of siluer, which is the ensigne of innocence and harmlesnesse: In his right hand he brandished his sword, which was an instrument that had beene euer fatall to Spanish practises, and had not the edge beene taken off by this *Foxes* subtilities, I perswade my selfe (by this time) it had neere made a new conquest of the West Indies; in his left had he seemed to carry a cup of gold filld with blood, which

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which blood he sprinkled, some vpon *Gondomar* and some vpon the ground, vttering in an hollow and vnpleasant voyce, these or the like words following.

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Gondomars attendants who had all this while (a farre off) beheld their Lords actions, seeing him now falling downe in this trance, came with all possible speede running vnto him, but ere they could offer an hand to his assistance, they might heare him vtter words of that strange nature and qualitie, that their feares bridled their charities, and they were rather willing to let him lye still, bending their attentions to his words, then by a too officious disturbance to break off any parte of that discourse which might either make for the bettering of the knowledge of the State, or otherwise be applyed to future seruice, at which these vnaturall and abortiue accidents euer point, & therefore fixing their eyes and their cares constantly vpon him (as he lay groueling on the earth) they might heare these, or like words much like vnto these, proceed from his perplexed and amazed spirit.

Blessed soule (Noble Sir *Walter Rawleigh*) what haue I to doe with thy goodnesse, or wherefore hast thou left the peacefulnesse of thy rest, to torment and call me to account ere the prefixed and full day of my tryall be comed, and that I must stand face to face with thee and a world of others

before the greatest Tribunall, I can confesse mine iniquities, and that I haue beene to the King my master, as *Borgia Caesar* was to Pope *Alexander* the sixt, an instrument willing to take vpon me any or all manner of finnes how odious or vild soeuer, so I might but make *Spaine* looke fresh, & that those imputations (which otherwise might haue drownd her) might be but put into the Catalogue of my seruices, though defame and curses were heaped vpon me, in much greater quantities then *Ossa*, *Pelion* or *Pindus*. I doe confesse I haue beene the very Nose of the Spanish State, through which hath beene voyded all the excrements both of the head and the whole body: I haue beene a channell or a Common-shoare to the Church of *Rome*, and what either Pope, Priest, Knaue or Iesuite could inuent, I haue not left to put in practise: I knew the odiousnesse of conspiracies, and how hatefull they are both to God and man, yet had I neuer the power to leaue conspiring: I knew both that the Law of God and the law of *Honour*, tyed Princes to detest conspiracies, and had many times read ouer that notable Historie of *Lewis* the eleuenth, and could my selfe repeate the noble and famous praises which all *Europe* gaue him for aduertising his Arch-enemie the Duke of *Burgundie* of an attempt against his person: but what hath this wrought in me? certes nothing but more flame and more fuell, so long as my thoughts were busied with the studie and remembrance of an vniuersall Monarchie.

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I confesse I haue many times said (how euer I haue beleeued) that those great ones which seeke to make away their enemies otherwise then by Iustice or the euent of warre, shewes minds-bale and coward, and that their soules are emptie of true courage, fearing that which they should scorne: I confesse I haue admired the goodnesse of *Fartions* who deliuered into *Pirrhus* hand the slaue that should haue poysoned him: I haue made *Tiberius Caesar* a demy-god, for answering a King of the *Celtes* which made him an offer to poyson *Arminius*, That Rome did not vse to be reuenged of her enemies secretly and by decaite, but openly and by armes; but haue I pursued this honorable tracte: haue any of my ghostly fathers the *Iesuites*, or my masters the *Inquisitors* giuen examples for these restrictions? no, their lessons are of a cleane contrarie nature; they say *Flaminius* was an honest man when hee made *Prusias* the King of *Bithinia* violate all the lawes of hospitalitie and vertue, in the murther of *Haniball*, but the whole *Senate* condemnd the action for most odious, accusd *Flaminius* of crueltie and coueteousnesse, of vaine glory and of ostentation: and questionlesse had they had any touche or feeling of Diuinitie or Christianitie they could not haue found any other ranke for him, then that next vnto *Judas*: these faire paths I haue knowne, but these I haue forsaken: and as *Flaminius* was the cause of *Hanibals* death out of an ambitious emulation, that he might in the Histories of succeeding times be made notorious and eminent for so foule

an action. So I must confesse I that haue the whole course of my life labourd continually in the deymyne of pollicie; haue not spared any blood (how excellent soeuer) so I might be remembred in our after Annals, for one of the chiefe master workmen which went to the building vp of the King my masters *Vniuersal Monarchy*: And in this I must confesse, most blessed soule, that thy death, thy vntimely (& to the Kingdom of Great *Britane*) much too early death (which with all violence & with all the coniurations, perswasions & exāples that could tie & bind together the hearts and bodies of Princes. I did both plot, pursue, effect and consummate) was one of the greatest masters peeces in which I euer triumphed; I haue made my selfe fat with thy downefall: and the blood which issued from thy wound, was *Nectar* and *Ambrosia* to my soule; for from thy ending I knew rightwell must proceed *Spaines* beginning: for neuer could the Spanish King say as the French King did, *Je suis Roy seul*, I am King alone of the *Indies* as long as *Rauleigh* liued, whose knowledge and experience was able to diuert, conuert and turne ~~to~~ the turuie all his conquests, all his proceedings. I say the tottering ground wheron my Kings title to the *Indies* stood, that it was nothing but violence and force, tyrannie and vsurpation, and that if a stranger or more gentle army should enter, how easie it was to set vs besides the cushion; this I knew thou knowest, and what not besides which belongeth to so great an attempt and triumph? I must confesse I haue
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called vp into my minde the honour, the antiquitie and greatnesse of thy great Familie, how rich thou wert in blood and friends, the whole VVest of the English Nation depending on thine alliance: The manner of thine education, which was not part but wholly Gentleman, wholly Souldier, the endowments of thy vertues, which was Learning and Wisedome; the aduancement of those endowments, which was to be the greatest, the best, the most renowned Princeesse that euer breathed in *Europe*; and in the greatest time of the greatest actions, the busiest time of the most troubled Estates, the wisest time for the discussion of the most difficult affaires, and the onely time that did produce the excellencie and perfection of *Wisedome, Warre and Government*, so that nothing could be hid from thy knowledge, neither wouldst thou suffer any thing to be concealed from thine experience, for thou hadst euer a mind actiuely disposed; and howsoeuer thy fortune was accompanied with all manner of felicities, things able in themselves to haue drawne thy minde from all other objects, and to haue settled thee vpon this Theoric, that solitarinesse is the most excellentest condition belonging vnto mankinde, in as much as in it he onely findeth the true tranquillitie of the minde, for nothing is wanting in that quiet habitation, *Manna* falls there, the *Rauens* bring bread from heauen, if the waters be bitter, there is wood to sweeten them: If the combats of *Amalec & Edom* be there, the triumphs

of *Moses* & *Iofua* are likewise there, for what cannot a life retired either toffor or care in its contemplation; yet all this thou didst neglect, and both contradict and disprone: thou knewest this life unfit for thy greatnesse, and thou wert not borne for thy selfe but thy Countrey, thou knewest the Sea, wherein every great soule should wander: had no haven but the graue, and that as they liued so they ought euer to dye in action. Hence it came, that enen in the very flourish and glorie of all thy great estate, thou betookest thy selfe to the Seas, and what thou hast before by thy pulse and infinit great charge in the actions of other men wonne and annexed to the Diademe of thy great Mistris, now thou doest in thine owne person take a vewe and suruay of the same, applying knowledge to report, and making thine owne experience a controller to other mens relations: I dare not (for the honour of my Nation) unfold the woefull perplexitie in which Spaine stood during this tedious voyage, how she quaked to thinke of the generall vewe which thou hadst taken without impeachment of all the West Indies; but most of all when shee was aduertised of thy long and laborious passage vpon the riuer *Oranque*, the distinguishments which thou hadst made betwixt it and the riuer of *Amazons*; and the intelligences which thou hadst gotten for thine ascent to the great Cittie of *Mama* and Kingdome of *Guyana*; designes which if they had beene putted according to thy willingnes and knowledge,

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tions, had then beene turnd to Leather or Iron,
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temptible: Was it not now high time to con-
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enter into familiaritie with malcontents, to seduce
some, to bribe others, to flatter all; to preache a
thousand most damnable false doctrines, for the
subuersion of Princes and the destruction of their
faithfull seruants: was it not time for vs to make
Religion a cloake for our villanie, and vnder the
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leeue me (blessed shadow) had we either made con-
science of sin, or scruples for the maintenance of
Honour, we had not subsisted as we doe, but had
sadly liue like those which now lye captiued be-
low vs; can Spaine euer forget thine attempt vpon
her owne confines and in her most secur'est places,
call vp *Cadix* to witnesse, she will shew you some
of her ashes; call the Kings great *Armada* to ac-
count, which was led by his twelve (supposed in-
vincible Apostles) and the most of them must rise
from the bottome of the seas, some must desim-
bogue from your our owne harbours: Let *Pharaoh*
in *Portugall* speake, and she will confesse that her
Church will yet hardly ouer her Idols. When I

looke vpon the Ilands of the *Azores*, me thinks I
 see *Fire* burning in the flames which you cast vpon
 her, whilst all the rest bring in the tributs of their
 best wealths, to saue themselves from perishing.
 Lastly but not least, for from it I raised the ground
 worke of thy fatall destruction; I cannot but re-
 count thine action vpon the Towne of *St Thomas*
 standing vpon the riuer of *Ordonque*, how fit it lay
 as a bayte to drawe thee into mischiefe, and how
 brauely it gaue me occasion neuer to desist till I
 saw thy ruine; alas, was that despised Towne to be
 prised with thy life, with thine experience, with
 thine abilitie to direct, or with the least parte of
 thine actions? no, it was not; onely my malice
 made it inestimable, and my continuall sollicita-
 tions, mine imprecations, my vowes, mine ex-
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 actions of pious and religious Kings, and the da-
 rings of too bold and ambitious Subjects, was so
 importune and violent, that but the great forfei-
 ture of thy blood, my furie could finde no satisfa-
 ction: hence you fell, and that fall was to me more
 then a double Banquet; for now mee thought I
 saw all things secure about me: Now said I to my
 selfe, who shall shake any one stone in our building?
 who shall giue vs affright by sea, or shew vs the
 terrors of the land? what shall hinder vs now to
 bring home our gold in Caruiles, and our mar-
 chandize in Hoys and Flyboats? all is ours, the
 Ocean is ours, and the *Indies* are ours: this
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At these words the Ghost appeared to shewe anger, and menacing him with frownes and the shaking of his sword, the poore *Don* lifting vp his armes vnder his cloake, shewd his red badge of the Order of *Colotrania*; but finding the crosse vtterly void of vertue to diuert that charme, he began to crye out againe in this manner.

Doe not mistake me (blessed Soule) in that I said I triumphed, for I will now with griefe and repentance buy from thy mercy my absolution. It is true that then I triumphed, for what is he that takes in hand any labor or worke of high consequence, but when he hath finished it to perfection, hee sits downe and reioyceth? [So I that saw (not a farre off but neare at hand) the infinite hinderances, rubs and impediments, which thy knowledge, thy valour, thy command and experience, might bring to any worke vndertaken by my King, for the aduancement or bringing forward of his vniuersall Monarchie: and when I pondred with my selfe, that no Nation vnder heauen was so able in power, so apt in the nature and disposition of the people, nor so plentifull in all accomodations, both for sea and land, as this Iland of Great *Britaine*, to oppose or beate backe any or all of our vndertakings, When I saw *France* busie both at home and abroad, the Lowe-Countries carefull to keepe their owne, not curious to increase their owne; when I saw *Germany* afflicted with ciuill anger, *Denmarke* troubled to

take trouble from his dearest kinsman: the *Pole*
der watching of the *Turke*, and the *Turke* through
 former losses, fearefull to giue any new attempt
 vpon Christendome, and that in all these we had
 a maine and particular interest: when I saw euery
 way smooth for vs to passe, and that nothing
 could keepe the Garland from our heads; or the
 Goale from our purchase but onely the anger or
 discontent of this fortunate British Iland; blame
 me not then if I fell to practises vnlawfull, to
 teries deceitfull, to briberie most hurtfull, and
 to other enchantments most shamefull, by which
 I might either winne mine owne ends, or make
 my worke prosperous in the opinion of my Soue-
 raigne. I confesse I haue many times abused the
 Maiestie of Great *Britaine* with curious falshoods,
 I haue protested against my knowledge, and vte-
 red vowes and promises which I knew could neuer
 be reconciled: I haue made delays, sharpe spurs
 to hasten on mine owne purposes, & haue brought
 the swiftest designes to so slowe a pace, that they
 haue beene lost like shadowes, and neither known
 nor regarded: I lookt into your Common-wealth,
 and saw that two and twenty yeares ease had made
 her grow idle; I saw the East *Indies* cate vp and de-
 uoure your Mariners & Sea-men, & time and old
 age consume and take away your land Captaines,
 and of all, none more materiall then your selfe:
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all my wisdom and pollicie. This is the freedom of my confession, and but from this sinne absolue me, and I will dye thy penitent in sackcloth and ashes.

At these words the apparition seemed (in the fearefull imagination of the poore Don) to be more then exceeding angry, and lookt vpon him with such terror and amazement, that Gondomar fell (with the affright) into a trance or deadly sound, whilst the Ghost seemed to utter vnto him these or these like words following.

To hee whom base flatterie, want and couetousnesse hath guilded with these foolish and vnfitting hyperboles, as to call thee,

The Flower of the West,

The delight of Spaine,

The life of wit.

The light of wisdom.

The Mercurie of Eloquence.

The glorie of the Gowne.

The Phoenix in Court.

Nestor in Counsell.

Christian Numa,

and principall ornament of this time.

Lord Diego Sarmiento de Acuna, Most honorable Earle of Gondomar, Governour of Menroyo, and Pennarogo, of the most honorable Order of Colatrina, Counsellour of State, one of the Kings Treasurers, Embassador for his Catholike Maiestie to his Royall Maiestie of England, Regent of the Towne and Castle of Bayon, President of the Bishopricke of Tuid in Galitia,

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litia, Chiefe Treasurer of the most noble Order of Alcantara, One of the foure Iudges of the sacred Priviledges, Promotarie of the Kingdome of Toledo, Leon and Galitia, and Principalitie of Astures, And Lord high Steward of the most Puissant, Philip the III. King of all the Spaines and of the Indies.

Loe thus I salute thee with thy true Stile and eminent Inscription according to thine absolute Nature, Qualitie and Profession:

To thee then that art,

The poysonous weed of Europe.

The Atlas of Spaines sinnes and conspiracies.

The Devils foole.

The Wisemans Bugbeare.

The Mercurie of knauish Politie.

The disgrace of Ciuilitie.

The Buffoone in Courte.

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Atheist, for the Popes aduantage, and principall Intelligencer betweene Hell and the Iesuites.

Don Diego Sarmiento de Acuna; Most dishonorable Earle of Gondomar, Poulter and Piller of Mentoyo, and Pennaroyo, of the riche conuicious Order of Colatrauia, Gazetist of State, one of the consumers of the Kings purse, Intelligencer for his Catholicke Maestie against the Royall Maestie of England, Spoiler of the Towne and Castle of Bayon, an ill example to the Bishopricke of Tuid in Galitia, Chiefe cash-keeper for the Order of Alcantara, One of the foure Bribe-takers for the prophane priuiledges, Promoter for the Kingdome of Toledo, Leon and Galitia, and Principalitie

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principalis of Affaires, and a continuall Broker betweene the King of Spaine and the Pope, and betweene the Iesuites, the Inquisitors and the Deuill.

Harken to my detection, and though I knowe thou canst steale and kill, sweare and lye, weepe and wound, and indeed doe any thing that is contrarie to Truth and Iustice; yet in this accusation, shame and thine owne putrified conscience shall be witnesses so powerfull and vndaunted, that thou shalt not be able to refell any one allegation or smallest particle.

To begin then with mine owne end, though I know the day of my death was the greatest Festivall that euer thy fortune did solemnize, though it brought to *Spaine* a yeare of *Iubile*, to thy reputation *Absolans* pillars, and to euery Papisticall Minister in the world, the praise of his Artel-master; yet poore despised mortall, know, it was not you, but a more diuine and inscrutable finger which pointed out my destinie to this manner of end & destruction, neither is it fit for the humility of ignorant man to open his eyes, as daring to presume to gaze on the radiant beames of that soueraigne power, which disposeth of secōd causes as he pleaseth: neither doe I afflict thee as my particular executioner, but as my Countries generall enemy: It sufficeth me that the great God who is Iudge of life & death, hath disposed of my life, & after this early manner, that in it he might expresse the effects of his Iustice; therefore trouble not thy selfe with my death which was thy comfort, but be vexed at

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thine owne life, which is nothing but a continuall pilgrimage to Ambition, and an vndermining Moale to digge downe the Chruch of God, and to bring the Gospell of our blessed Sauour into eternall captiuitie. Hast not thou beene an vntried packe-horse, traueilling night and day without a baite, and loaden like ad Asse, till thy knees haue bowed vnder the burthen of strange and vnnaturall designes, by which to aduance thy Master to the vniuersall Monarchie of all *Europe*: This thy feare hath made thee confesse, but this thy flatterie and falshood will deny, should not the efficacie of truth make it most apparant and pregnant: Therefore to enter into the first streames from whence *Spaine* hath gathered the great Ocean of its Soueraigntie, there is no fountaine more remarkable then the Battle of *Alcazar* in *Barbarie*, where the too forward *Don Sebastian* King of *Portugall* (whether slaine or not slaine) engaging himselfe too vnfortunately, gaue occasion to *Philip* the second of *Spaine*, to enter and vsurpe vpon his kinsmans Kingdomes, to expell *Don Antonio* from his right and inheritance, and as it is strongly supposed, to cause the true King himselfe to dye in the Gallies; hence he became King of all the *Spaines* and *Portugall*, puld to himselfe the Soueraigntie both of the Ilands of the *Canaries* and of the *Azores*, the one securing his way forth, the other securing his way home from the West *Indies*, and so made the conquest thereof more safe and vndoubted: hee tooke also by the
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same interest many strong holds & marchantable places in the *East Indies*, so that sitting now alone in *Spain* without a competitor, and hauing treasure from the *West Indies* wherewith to pay Souldiers, and marchandize from the *East Indies* wherewith to enrich his owne subiects, what could he, or what did hee contemplate vpon but the augmentation of his Monarchie: Hence it came that his waare grewe violent vpon the Low-Countries and vnder the Governments of the Duke of *Alua*, and *Don Iohn* Duke of *Austria*, the tyrannies so insufferable, that all manner of freedoms were conuerted to slauieries, and the blood of the Nobilitie made only foode for the slaughter-house, yea such as were remote and stood farther off from his crueltie, depending vpon their owne rights and vnder the couert of their owne guards, were not yet safe from *Spaines* conspiracies, and that witnesseth the death and murther of the famous Prince of *Orange*, the imprisonment and death of his eldest sonne, and a world of infamous practises against the life of Count *Maurice*, the last Prince deceased, and against the safetie of Count *Henrike* the Prince now suruiuing: what incroachments were daily made vpon these distressed Provinces, all the Princes of *Europe* blush to behold, and had not *Elizabeth* my dread Ladie and Mistris offamous and blessed memorie, taken them to her Royall protection, they had long since beene swallowed vp in the gulfhe of his tyrannie; and none of them now liuing had knowne the name of

free Princes: and as this worke was begun by *Philip* the second, so it was continued by *Philip* the third, and is now at this houre as earnestly pursued by *Philip* the fourth and his sister the Archduchesse, and rather with gaining then losing; so that should *England* but turne its face a little away from their succour, there would be a great breache made in the hope of their assisting.

But you will answer, that if *Spain* had fixed down its resolution vpon an vniuersall Monarchy, they had neuer then hatkned to a peace with the Nether-Lands: to this thine owne conscience is ten thousand witnesses, that the peace which it entertained, was nothing else but a politicke delay to bring other and imperfit ends and designes, to a more fit and solid purpose, for effecting of his generall conquest: for what did this Truce, but diuert the eyes of the Nether-lands (which at that time were growing to be infinit great masters of shipping) from taking a suruay of his *Indies*, and brought a securitie to the transportation of his plate and treasure, and made him setle and reinforce his Garrisons which then were growne weake and ouertoyled, besides a world of other aduantages, which too plainly discouered themselves as soone as the warre was new commenced.

As he had thus gotten his feet into the Nether-lands, had not *Spain* in the same manner, and with as much vsurpation, thrust his whole body into *Italy*? let *Naples* speake, let *Sicill*, let the Ilands of

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of *Sardinia* and *Corfica*, the Dukedome of *Milhan*, the reuolte of the *Valsoline* and a world of other places, some posselt, some lying vnder the pretence of strange Titles, but come to giue vp their account, and it will be more then manifest, that no Signorie in all *Italie* but stood vpon his guard, and howerly expected when the Spanish storme should fall vpon them; how many quarrels hath beene piled against the State of *Venice*, some by the *Pope*, some by the King of *Spaine*? how many doubts haue beene throwne vpon *Tuscanie*? what protestations haue flowne to *Genoa*, and what threatnings against *Genuea*? and all to put *Italy* into conbustion, whilst the *Popes* holinesse, and his Catholicke Maiestie, like *Saturnes* sonnes, sat full gorgd with expectation to deuide heauen and earth betweene them.

O was it not a braue politicke trick of *Spaine*, (neither was thine aduice absent from the mischief) when the difference fell betweene *Henry* the Great of *France* and the Duke of *Sauoye*, about the Marquisate of *Saluses*; the King then your master vnder pretence of aiding the Duke his brother in Law, sent diuers Regiments of Spaniards which were quartered some in *Carbonieres*, some in *Montemellion*, *Sauillan*, *Pignoroll* and diuers other places about *Sauoye* and *Piemont*, but when the Truce was concluded, could the Duke vpon any intreatie, potent or message make these Spaniards to quit his Countrie? no, by no meanes, for they were so farre from leauing their foot-hold,

hauing receiued diuers commandments to keepe it, both from the Count *de Fuentes* (at that time Vice-roy of *Millan*) from thee by prinate letters, and from the King your Master by sundrie Commissions; that the chieffes of those Troopes, peremptorily answered the Duke, that they would hould their gettings, in despite of all oppositions, and were indeed full as good as their words for a long time, till at last the Duke (inforced thereunto) raised vp a strong Army, and in a few dayes put them all to the sword; I would here re- peate the Spanish attempt against the Castle of *Nice*; being the very key or opener of an entrance into the very bowels of *Italie*; I could speake of the dangerous quarrel raised betweene the Duke of *Sauoye* and the Duke of *Mantua*, for the Marquisate of *Montferrat*, and how fatall it was likely to haue beene to the whole state of *Italy*; wherein *Fuentes* and thy selfe, shewd all the arte of practise that might be, which, should become the master worke-man; but these things are so pregnant and apparant that they neede little discussion.

Let mee now awaken thy memory with some stirrings vp or practises against the Kingdome of *France*, no lesse but more pernicious then any of the former, who was the head or chiefe soueraigne (after the death of *Henry* the third King of *France* and *Poland*) of that most vnchristianlike combination, intituled the *Holy*, but truely *vn-holy League*, was it not *Philip* of *Spaine* one of your most Catholike Masters, who made the great and
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 this *Philip* of *Spaine* your Catholike Master? How
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 Great, from his lawfull Throne and inheritance?
 what Citties did hee possesse? euen the greatest
 that *France* could number: what Countries vnder
 his command? all that were rich or fruitfull: and
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 mory, like a strong Rocke against the rage of a
 furious sea, taken the quarrell into her hand, and
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 of the Lord *Willoughby*, after vnder the conduct
 of the Earle of *Essex*, staid and supported that ree-
 ling Estate, *France* it is feared, at this houre had
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 brought the Crowne of *France* to its true owner;
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although hee had beene assayled in the dayes of *Henry* the third, and in the space of foure yeares, by ten Royall Armies successiueely one after another, and sent one to refresh the other, and vnder the conduct of great and most glorious Capitaines, against all which he preuailed, as witnessed his victorie at the Battle of *Contras* and other places, though he had giuen succour to *Henry* the third, and deliuered him from his great danger at *Tours*, bringing to his obedience *Gargeau*, *Gien*, *la Charite*, *Pluniers*, *Estampes*, *Dourdan* and diuers other places: though hee had beene generally fortunate in all his great actions, yet after the death of *Henry* the third, this deuillish combination, or Spanish knot of the *League* is more ominous, fatall and troublesome vnto him, then all his former vndertakings; and hee found that although hee might haue come to the Crowne of *France* by succession, which was the easiest way, yet God to trie his courage, to exercise the force of his minde, and to make a foolish shadowe or *Ignis Fatuus* of *Spaines* Ambition, presented the most painefull and difficult vnto him, which was that of Conquest: Hee was forst to raise on foote (by the helpe of our English Nation) three Royall Armies, which he disperst in three Prouinces; the first, into *Normandie*, where he was assisted by the Earle of *Essex*, the second into *Champaigne*, and the third into *Picardie*, where hee was seconded by the Lord *Willoughbie*, who brought him triumphantly into the suburbs of *Paris*, and by the blowing

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This when your great Master beheld, and saw that all his hopes were dying in an instant, like a cunning Coniurer hee seekes to drawe fire and lightning from heauen, to consume what his Armies durst not approach or disauewe, whence it came, that he rouses vp *Gregorie* the 13. then Pope, who indeed was the Oracle, or rather the creature of *Philip* your master, and makes him of a common Father betweene the head of a rebellious and vsurping partie, casting forth his fulminations with such violence and iniustice, that the Buls were taken and burnt both at *Tours* and at *Chalons*; neither sent he out these Buls by his vngodly and bloodie Ministers the Iesuites, or such like desperate and obscure mal-contents, but with an Army of a thousand cassacks of watchet veluer, imbrodded with gold, and Ciphers of Keys ioyned

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vnto swords (whose errand was, to demand the execution of those Bulls) now seeing the difficulty wherein affaires stood, vpon the view of one hundred horse of the French Kings white Corner, dare not for all the Pope or the King of Spaine hopes or commandements abandon the very shadowe of the walles of *Verdun*, but like so many Foxes lay lurking in their kennels of security, knowing they had to deale with mē, whose swords were so well steeld, that they feared not the lead of *Rome*, onely like so many Furies of hell they seeke to breake all treaties of peace, and made it an action treasonable and most impious, to talke of an vnity betwene the Soueraigne and the subject.

But for all this, great *Henry* lost no time, for first, he passed into *Normandy*, secured his friends there, thence hee went into *Picardie*, besieged *Noyon* and tooke it, euen in the view of the Spanish Armie, who although they were three to one, yet durst not to hazard the Battle: which aduantage the King wisely taking, and turning head vpon his enemies, albeit hee was aduised to the contrary by his chiefe servants, yet his courage bound him rather to follow the path of danger with honour, then that of safety with shame, saying as *Pompey* said, *That in striking his foot against the earth he would raise up Legions*: so the Armies met together at *Amale*, where though vpon the first approach the King was hurt with a shot, yet he had strength enough to crye *Charge, Charge*, and
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breaking through his enemies, he put the Duke of *PARMA* and all his Spaniards to a shameful retreat; as this, so he beat his enemies at *Bellencombe*, he stripes them at *Bure*, and made them to quit *Tuetot* with much shame and losse.

Thus this Royall Kings quarrell being iust, and maintained by a good sword, the pride of *Spaine* found that if the warre contained longer, her Catholike greatness, could haue more wood to heat her Ouen, then come to send to the Mill.

Tis purposelesse to speake of the ruine of *Quibens*, the recouerie of *Espenay*, or that braue assault, where eight Horses put three hundred to route; let it suffice me in one word to conclude, that in despite of all the engines which the Pope or the King of *Spaine* could vse, *Henry* of *France* became triumphant, and your Masters vniuersall Monarchie was turnd topsie turuie; nay, the *League* the *Typhon* of sedition from whence sprung so many Serpents and Vipers of disloyalty, was smothered vnder the *AEtna* of her owne presumption and pride.

But did either *Spaine* or *Rome* here stay their malice? sic no, but rather *Anteus* like, they rose vp with double vigor, and what publique warre could not effect, priuate practise and conspiracie must bring to passe, for ere the Great *Henry* was well warmed in his Throne, *Hell* and the Spanish gold stird vp a wretch, who vndertooke to kill him; the *Fyger* staid his hand at the shining of a glasse, and after his apprehension, confest, that hee

sawe so much pietie and zeale shining in the eyes of this Prince, that he felt horror in himselfe to offend the Soueraigne dignity ordained of God among Angels and Men. Hence it came that all *France* beheld and tooke notice of *Spaines* Ambition, & that indeed all their labour was but to reduce that flourishing Nation to a priuate Prouince, which the Parliament of *Paris* (after it had vomited the phlegme of temporizing) taking to heart, made forth a Decree for the dispersing and banishing of all the Spanish Regiments: and now five great Dukes, formerly bewitched with Catholike incantations, fall at the foote of this great King, and confesse how they were beguiled.

The first, was the Duke of *Lorraine*, which obtained a generall Peace for his Estate, through the mediation of *Ferdinand* the Archduke of *Tuscany*; the second was the Duke of *Mayenne*, who obtained pardon through the wisdom of his carryage, hauing still a watchfull eye, that no generall ruine might happen to the Kingdome. The third, was the Duke of *Guise*, the losse of whose father and vnckle, made his interest the greatest in this quarrell, yet had he the honour to receiue the Kings first imbraces; The fourth was the Duke of *Joyeuse*, who as soone as hee had kist the Kings hand, forsooke the troubles of the world, betooke himselfe to a solitary life; and the last was the Duke *Mercure*, who brought to the King, not himselfe alone, but with him the reduction of the good-

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goodlyest Prouince in all *France*: To conclude
Philip of *Spaine* your Master, seing vpon what false
 wheeles his engins ranne, was content to intreate
 of peace of this great Cheistiane.

But did here conspiracies and Spanish plots
 end? no, nothing so: for to come neater to your
 owne touchie, and to repeate matters of thine
 owne prosecution, Is it not an Historie most re-
 markable, and to *Spaine* most infamous, of that
 desperate vilaine borne at *Negre-pelisse*, who
 going into *Spaine* vpon some discontents concei-
 ued against this great *Henry* of *France*, and as it
 was strongly supposed, hauing taken some dire-
 ctions from you, but full and materiall instru-
 ctions from the Deuils post horses your masters
 the Iesuites, did with all violence prostitute him-
 selfe to murder this most Christian King; but the
 matter being so important, and carryed through
 so many seuerall hands, had lost so much streng-
 h of secrecie, that an inckling thereof came to the
 eares of *de Barrant*, then ordinarie Ambassadour in
Spaine for the King of *France*, who instantly out
 of dutie, and the hatred which every true Chri-
 stian ought to beare against these odious and most
 Atheisticall practises, complained to the Popes
Nuntio, hoping of redresse, both against the vi-
 laine himselfe, your selfe and the Iesuites, who
 are both vilaines and your selfe; but the matter
 was fully blanche, and your impious care (that
 had listned to this abhorrible sinne) was excu-
 sed, and the whole offence of subornation was

laid vpon a creature of yours; but one of the King of *Spaine* Esquiers, named by the place of his birth *Valdomoro*, who vpon examination (hauing his lesson fore-taught him, confest all the passages to the Duke of *Lerma*, and that not onely this slave, but diuers others had tendred themselues to the like seruice, yet this with the greatest violence, assuring him that he knew the meanes how to kill the King; which proposition, vpon some conference with a Iesuite (who neuer take distast at such a practise) he had accepted of, but yet with that caution and delay that nothing proceeded therein, neither was likely to proceed, and so all things were shut vp without any further discouerie, onely that *de Barraut* aduertised the King his Master thereof: but was this honorable or pious in *Spaine*? no, the praise had beene more perfect, and the merit more plaine and euident for the Spaniards, if they had punished the Traytor, made thy selfe *Valdomoro*, and the Iesuite examples, not to listen or giue eare to such odious conspiracies, and by a carefull aduertisement to the King, made others dread the entering into so odious a businesse; for it is true in all the lawes of hospitalitie, that this slave ought not to haue come out of *Spaine* vchastised, for all Kings are brothers, and all Kingdomes interessed in these attempts. But the designs of *Spaine* lookt now another way, and the Traytor had leane to escape, who returning afterwards into *France*, was by *de Perdan* first President of *Languedoc*, apprehended at

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at *Theloufe* and there executed, and his companion condemned to the Gallies. O how farre was this action shorte, of that Royall and Princely acte of the famous late Queene *Elizabeth*! who hauing receiued intelligence of some Spanish mischieues pretended against this great King, forthwith gaue him intelligence, that a strange Gentleman, who was one of his followers, had no good meaning towards his person, and related vnto him euery circumstance as she had receiued it; but such was the bountie of this great King, that albe reason would that he should haue bin apprehended, yet the King neuer discovered vnto him a frowne, but he still remained in the Court well entertained, was mounted out of the Kings stable, and honoured with many of his trustie cōmandements, till in the end torturd with his owne conscience, he stole away from the Court, & durst no longer abuse so Royall a bountie; that this was a Favorite of *Spaine* your selfe cannot deny, that he fled from *France* into *Spaine*, your one Cabaret is a witnesse, and that you did preferue him for the like exploits in others places: the marke on his face, the colour of his beard, and his cloaths cut after the *Walloon* fashion were too apparant testimonies.

I might here recounte this great Kings death by *Rauiline*, from whose blood, neither thy selfe nor *Spaine* can wash themselves, though all the Rivers in the world were exhausted and thrust into one enery Bath, and so spent vpon your particular

lar cleansings; but these truths are so fresh in memorie, they need neither repeating, nor amplification.

I could to these adde a world of others, as the attempts vpon the life and safety of the late Queene *Elizabeth* of famous memorie, and the making of all those inhumane creatures Pensioners of *Spaine*, who had either by rebellion or other treasonable practise, attempted any thing for her vntimely and sad destruction.

Was our late dread Soueraigne, King *James* of blessed and happy memorie, that *Salomon* of his time, a Prince so indulgent and carefull for every good thing that might happen to *Spaine*, a man so tender and vigilant for her reputation, that hee euer plac'd it in the next rancke to his owne honour? was he I say? was this good King free from the bloody practises of *Spaine*? no, to the eternall infamie of ingratefull and bloody *Spaine*; I may euer proclaime it that he was more deeply plunged and his like, more bitterly besieged and assaulted, then any whatsoeuer before rehearsed: and to this I call vp the plot of all plots, that Deuill of many legions of Deuils, the Gun-powder conspiracie, that which should haue destroyed all, not a single Prince or a single man, but many Princes, many mens whole generations; here was cruell *Spaine* and here indeed (had not God preuented) was a strong foundation for an vnderfall Monarchie; and that *Spaine* may not in this, pleade not guilty: let her discover to the world what

what occurrents they were which drew *Thomé*
Winter into her confines, what negotiation was
 that which hee held with *de Laxis*, whence came
 his instructions and letters commendatorie into
 the Archduchesse Countrie? where did *Guy Fauck*
 receiue his breeding? who gaue information of
 his knowledge in myning? and who preferred
 and aduancst him to this peece of most damnable
 seruice? questionlesse let truth answere to any of
 these positions, and the speech it must vtter, will
 be Spanish language; who in all this Nation was
 so intimate with you as the Archpriest *Garnet*? or
 who like him found at your hands equall prote-
 ction? he confest and absolved the Traytors, and
 thou didst absolue and confesse him, and thereby
 didst get vnto thy selfe from thine owne Tribe, the
 nicke-name of *Archbishop Ambassadour*.

Thus I haue brought *Spaines* attempst for an vni-
 uersall Monarchie, from *Portugall* to the *Neiber-*
lands, thence through *Italy*, to into *France*; *En-*
gland was lookt vpon by the way, in the yeare
 1588. but shee was not so drowfie as others:
 there is now but *Germanie* betwixt him and the end
 of his Ambition, but is that free and vntouched?
 woe to speake it, that of all is the worst and most
 horred: O the lamentable estate, of those once
 most happie Princes! how hath the house of *Aus-*
tria drownd them in blood? and by the worke of
 ciuill dissention, made them in their furies to de-
 uoure one another. Is there any thing in this age
 more lamentable or remarquable, then the losse
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of the *Palatinate*? or is there any thing in which thy villany can so much triumph as in that politique defeature? why, the lyes which thou didst utter to abuse the Maieſtie of *England*, and to breed delays till thy Masters designes were effected, were so curious and so cunning, so apt to catch, and so strong in the holding, that the Devil (who was formerly the author of lyes) hath now from thee taken new presidents for lying. I would here speake of thy Archduchesses dissimulation, but shee is a great Lady, and their errors at the worst are weake vertues.

Therefore to thee that hast lent both fuell and flame to all the mischiefes of *Europe*, and that art now bigge in labour with new troubles and vexations, arise and collect thy spirits, become once honest and religious, let thy seruices depend vpon good and necessarie affaires, and not vpon malicious and bloody practises: for behold, I thy *Tormentor* will neuer be absent from thine elbow, and whatsoeuer thou shalt contriue or plot for the hurt of Great *Britaine*, I with the helpe of the holy Angels will returne vpon thine owne bosome and the bosome of thy Countrie, for the good of heauen and earth, who is the Protector of the Innocent; hath made Royall King CHARLES and his Throne precious in his sight, therefore if thou desirest to liue and see good dayes, touch not his annointed and doe his Prophets no hurt.

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his sword about) vanished out of his sight,
 and the poore *Dona* as if awakened from a deadly
 or mortall sleepe rose vp , looking about with
 such gastly amazednesse as affrighted all that be-
 held him. In the end espying his owne seruants,
 with teares in his eyes, terrour in his heart , and a
 generall trembling ouer all his body , he went in-
 to his Litter , and returned home, where how
 he refresht himselfe , how hee appeared before the
 designed Commissioners, and how he answered
 the expectation both of them and the King his
 Master, shall be declared vpon the next returne
 of the woman Poste which passeth be-
 twixt the English and the
Spanish Iesuits.

FINIS.